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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

U.S. Documents

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The documents are being submitted after a first Office Action on the merits but prior to the closing of prosecution, therefore under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed.

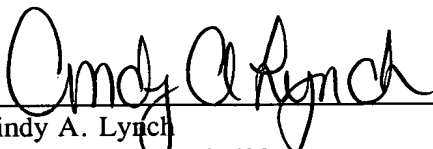
To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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